IN THE MATTER OF

AMANDA L BARANOWSKI

RESPONDENT

**REGISTRATION NO.: T07263** 

- \* BEFORE THE STATE
- \* BOARD OF
- \* PHÁRMACY

\* CASE NUMBER: PT-11-025

ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Md. State Govt. Code Ann. §10-226 (c) (2009 Repl. Vol.), the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby summarily suspends the registration of Amanda L. Baranowski, Registration Number: T07263 (the "Respondent"), to practice as registered pharmacy technician under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. ("H. O.") §§12-101 *et seq.* (2009 Repl. Vol.). This Order is based on the following investigative findings, which the Board has reason to believe are true:

## INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was and is licensed to practice as a registered pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was originally registered to practice as a pharmacy technician in Maryland on or about April 29, 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The statements regarding the Respondent's conduct are only intended to provide the Respondent with notice of the basis for the Board's action. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent a complete description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against the Respondent in this matter.

- 2. The Respondent's registration expires on November 30, 2011.
- 3. On or about January 27, 2011, the Baltimore County Police Department Vice/Narcotics ("Baltimore County Police") contacted the Maryland Division of Drug Control (DCC) and informed DDC that the Respondent had been arrested in September 2010 for illegal possession of Oxycodone, a schedule II controlled substance.
- 4. Prior to her arrest and during narcotics surveillance, the Baltimore County Police observed the Respondent conducting a narcotics transaction in a vehicle that she was driving.
- 5. When she was apprehended by the Baltimore County Police, the Respondent stated that she her friend had just given her (3) Oxycodone 15 mg and one (1) Oxycodone 5 mg.
- 6. The Baltimore County Police found the Oxycodone near the center console of the vehicle that she was driving
- 7. At the time of her arrest, the Respondent was employed as a registered pharmacy technician at Pharmacy A<sup>2</sup>.
- 8. Following her arrest by the Baltimore County Police for possession of Oxycodone, the Respondent was terminated from Pharmacy A.
- 9. After she was terminated form Pharmacy A, the Respondent began working as a pharmacy technician at Pharmacy B.
- 10. On or about January 26, 2011, the Respondent was seen by the Baltimore County Police working as a pharmacy technician at Pharmacy B.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The names of Pharmacy A and Pharmacy B have been omitted in order to protect the identity of the pharmacies.

11. After the Baltimore County Police discovered the Respondent working Pharmacy B, she stopped working at the pharmacy.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing investigative findings, the Board concludes that the public health, safety, and welfare imperatively require emergency action in this case, pursuant to Md. State Gov't. Code Ann. § 10-226(c) (2).

## <u>ORDER</u>

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings and Conclusions of Law, it is this 18th day of May 2011, by a majority of the quorum of the Board, hereby

ORDERED that the registration issued to the Respondent to practice as pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland under registration number T07263 is hereby SUMMARILY SUSPENDED; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is prohibited from practicing as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall immediately return all registrations to the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that this ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION is a PUBLIC DOCUMENT as defined in Md. State Gov't Code Ann. §§ 10-611 et seq. (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2011 Supp.).

MAY 18, LO11
Date

Michael N. Souranis, P.D., President State Board of Pharmacy